



PCP





Learning Objectives

- Select from a list the scientific name for PCP.
- Identify the side effects of PCP.





What is PCP?



- **PCP, or Phencyclidine, is a dissociative anesthetic, or drug that separates perception from sensation.**
- **PCP can be found in several different forms:**
 - **Crystalline Powder**
 - **Colored Powder**
 - **Pills**
 - **Capsules**
 - **Liquid**





History of PCP

1956 - PCP is synthesized for the first time.

1957 - PCP is used on humans for the first time.

1963 - PCP is patented as an anesthetic named Sernyl.

1965 - PCP is banned for human use due to its side effects.

1967 - PCP is marketed as an animal anesthetic called Sernylan.





History of PCP

1967 - PCP begins showing up on the streets as a recreational drug.

1978 - PCP is classified a Schedule II in accordance with the Controlled Substance Act.

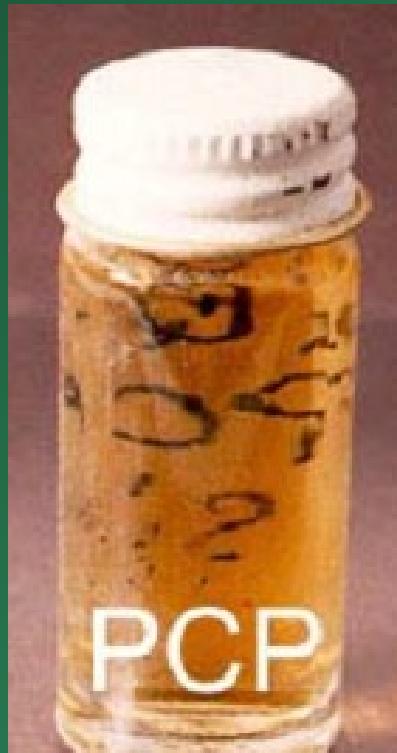
1979 - Use of PCP rises around the country. 7% of high school seniors reported PCP use in the last 12 months.

1980 to present - PCP use continues to be problem but recent numbers have indicated a decline.





How is PCP Taken?



PCP can be consumed in several ways:

- **Orally - In a pill or liquid form.**
- **Smoked**
- **Snorted**
- **Injected**





How is PCP Taken?

PCP has been known to be used in combination with other drugs and substances:

1. LSD - *Super Tripping*
2. Marijuana - *Killer Weed or Boat*
3. Tobacco - *Sherms*
4. Mint/Parsley





PCP's Physical Effects

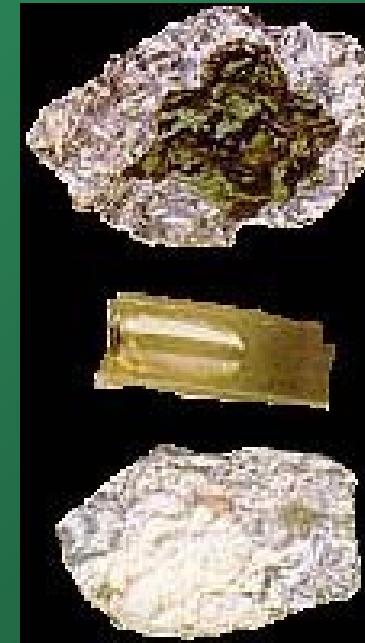
- Sleepiness
- Dizziness
- Irregular Heart Rate
- Loss of Bladder Control
- Jerky Eye Movement
- Heavy Sweating
- Vomiting
- Speech Impediments
- Loss of Reflexes
- Kidney Failure
- Brain Hemorrhaging
- Coma
- Death





PCP's Psychological Effects

- Depression of the Central Nervous System (CNS)
- Stimulation of the CNS
- Unpredictable Aggressive Behavior
- Schizophrenia
- Delirium
- Suicidal Tendencies
- Toxic Psychosis





PCP Testing in the Army

- The Army tests for PCP on a rotational schedule.
- PCP can be detected in urine for 2-3 days after ingestion.
- The illegal use of PCP or any drug goes against Army Values and Warrior Pride.





Additional Information

**Additional information on PCP
can be found by contacting the
Army Substance Abuse Program
or by visiting
www.acsap.army.mil.**





WARRIOR

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R

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ntegrity: Stay true to the Army Values and Warrior Ethos by supporting the Army's drug and alcohol policies.

D

uty: Do your duty as a Soldier and stay mentally and physically tough by not using drugs or abusing alcohol.

E

xcellence: Exhibit honorable behavior on and off duty - don't be a substance abuser!